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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 47.2 degrees, 3.1 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, November 10. Precipitation averaged 1.79 inches, 0.91 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 2 points below normal.

Reporters rated 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 8. This is 2.2 days less than last year and 1.3 days less than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 21 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	4.2	4.0	153.7
2001	6.4	5.9	151.1
1997-2001 Average	5.5	5.5	159.1

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	5	21	66	8
Last Week	9	21	62	8
Same Week Last Year	2	10	79	9
1997-2001 Average	4	17	72	7

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Rain showers hampered harvesting activities last week, but producers took full advantage of the four days suitable for fieldwork to make fairly good progress. As of Sunday evening, 85 percent of the State's **Corn** acreage used for grain was harvested, up 10 percentage points from the previous week. Despite the weather delays, current progress continues to run slightly ahead of both last year and the five-year average. Some areas reported problems with lodging this past week and reported yields continue to be highly variable. **Soybean** harvest is quickly winding down with only 5 percent of the crop remaining to be harvested. The current pace is slightly behind both last year and the State's five-year average. **Winter wheat** planting has virtually come to an end, with 94 percent of the acreage emerged. This is eight percentage points ahead of last year and two percentage points ahead of the five-year average. Recent rains have been very beneficial and growers continue top-dressing their fields. Other agricultural activities taking place last week included harvesting apples, stripping tobacco, preparing equipment for storage, spreading lime and fertilizer, tilling soil, contacting local FSA offices, and marketing grain. The State's Christmas tree growers were also busy preparing for the upcoming holiday season, and turkey producers are gearing up for Thanksgiving. Strong thunderstorms and numerous tornadoes, some deadly, caused damage to several Ohio counties Sunday evening.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

The State's Winter wheat acreage continued to do well last week with 77 percent now rated in good-to-excellent condition. Recent precipitation has allowed for good growth and even stands.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week Ohio	U.S.
Corn harvested for grain	85	76	79	75	77
Fall & Winter Apples harvested	98	98	98	94	NA
Soybeans harvested	95	96	97	92	87
Tobacco stripped	42	32	29	34	NA
Winter wheat emerged	94	86	92	87	80

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	21	57	20
Previous Week	0	2	24	60	14
Previous Year	5	8	26	53	8

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	46.3	3.6	1.76	1.01	21.65	-2.77	23	4	3409	272
North Central	47.3	3.9	1.68	0.84	23.70	-1.60	26	6	3397	306
Northeast	46.5	3.2	1.66	0.60	26.11	-1.00	25	4	3130	214
West Central	47.2	3.5	2.17	1.36	27.72	1.69	28	4	3581	297
Central	47.6	3.3	1.85	0.97	26.93	0.37	29	3	3580	253
Central Hills	46.6	3.3	1.64	0.73	25.64	-1.13	26	3	3369	294
Northeast Hills	45.4	1.4	1.49	0.54	24.77	-1.88	24	0	3371	247
Southwest	48.6	3.5	2.00	1.15	33.02	5.29	35	5	3755	270
South Central	48.5	2.7	2.01	1.16	30.06	3.59	35	-1	3800	249
Southeast	47.0	2.3	1.57	0.64	28.49	1.75	28	-1	3582	256
STATE	47.2	3.1	1.79	0.91	26.97	0.60	28	2	3513	265

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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